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1. FISHATT SPOKE WITH AMBASSADOR CASTANEDA APRIL 5 AND SUGGESTED THAT SUBJECT DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON INSTEAD OF NEW YORK. AMBASSADOR CASTANEDA SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO MEXICANS, SINCE MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE TAKING PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS ARE MEMBERS OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATION TO THE LOS AND HE WANTED THEM IN NEW YORK IN CASE THEY WERE NEEDED. WHEN FISHATT MENTIONED THAT CASTANEDA HIMSELF WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 19-21 FOR MIGRANT WORKERS MEETINGS AND THAT IT MIGHT BE CONVENIENT TO HOLD THE SECOND SET OF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, HE REPLIED THAT HE ONLY PLANNED TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE FIRST DAY OF THE MIGRANT WORKERS MEETINGS ON THE 19TH AND THEN RETURN TO NEW YORK.

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2. CASTANEDA SAID THAT THE MEXICAN DELEGATION TO THE TECHNICAL TALKS WOULD CONSIST OF 5 OR 6 PEOPLE, THAT THEY SHOULD BE HELD AT THE OFFICES OF THE MEXICAN UN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK, AND SHOULD BEGIN ON APRIL 12 AT ABOUT 5:30 P.M., OR AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE REGULAR LOS SESSIONS. HE SAID THAT TRANSLATION WAS NO PROBLEM SINCE ALL OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATES SPOKE ENGLISH. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE SUBJECT OF TUNA WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING SINCE IT IS BEING CONSIDERED IN ANOTHER FORUM. THE PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING AND THE NAMES OF THE U.S. DELEGATES WILL BE PROVIDED TO CASTANEDA TODAY (APRIL 6).

3. CASTANEDA SAID THAT PROPOSED DATES OF THE SECOND MEETING, APRIL 22 AND 23, WERE NOT SATISFACTORY TO MEXICANS BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS MEETING BE HELD ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, APRIL 26 AND 27. WE PROMISED HIM A PROMPT REPLY.

4. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT POSSIBLE DATE OF PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE WHICH MEXICO PLANS TO CONVENE TO DISCUSS RENEGOTIATION OF THE TUNA CONVENTION, CASTANEDA SAID THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO EVEN PREDICT WHAT MONTH IT WOULD BE HELD. HE SAID IT DEPENDED UPON THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE AND THAT IF A SECOND SESSION WAS HELD THIS SUMMER, THE MEXICAN CONFERENCE WOULD NOT BE HELD UNTIL AFTER THAT SESSION, SO THAT IT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE AS LATE AS SEPTEMBER.

5. CASTANEDA PLANS RETURN NEW YORK SUNDAY, APRIL 11.
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